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## **Croatia**

### **Grain and Feed**

## **Destinations for Subsidized Croatian Wheat in 2002 2003**

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**Report Highlights:** Croatia used export subsidies for wheat in calendar year 2002, in apparent violation of its WTO commitments. Recent customs data show that the major destination countries include Bosnia, Algeria, and Turkey. Croatia is not expected to have an exportable wheat surplus in 2003. Fall rains made it difficult to plant winter wheat and policy changes in 2003 will decrease wheat area.

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For 2002, the Croatian government budgeted for and presumably spent Kn 143,000,000 (over \$19 million) on export support for wheat. Three domestic export companies were selected based on a tender. The government reimbursed these companies for the difference between the domestic purchase price (about \$140/mt in 2002) and the final sale price. All but about 30,000 MT in wheat exports occurred in the last half of calendar year 2002. Nearly all of the wheat exported in 2002 was under an export subsidy. For recent grain production forecasts in Croatia see GAIN report [HR2019](#).

<b>C r o a t i a n Wheat export</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2001 Croatia becomes a WTO member</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>1999</b>
<i>Most interesting countries</i>				
Italy	76,037MT	2,858MT	-	-
B o s n i a & Herzegovina	50,645MT	53,594MT	103,180MT	8,772MT
South African Republic	21,712MT	-	-	-
Morocco	16,502MT	23,788MT	-	-
Algiers	15,706MT	39,972MT	-	-
Turkey	-	35,244MT	23,556MT	-
Switzerland	24	29,500MT	77,053MT	-
Tunis	-	27,383MT	-	-
Albania	2,216MT	26,916MT	26,048MT	-
Libanon	-	16,050MT	22,800MT	-
France	-	10,500MT	24,788MT	-
Ukraine	-	-	19,908MT	-
<b>total</b>	<b>201,538 MT</b>	<b>284,147 MT</b>	<b>329,699 MT</b>	<b>13,161 MT</b> <b>Drought season</b>

According to Croatia's WTO schedule of commitments, Croatia's allowable export subsidies are 'zero'.